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திரு. க. அன்பழகன் : தலைவர் அவர்களே, கைது செய்யப்பட்டவர்கள் எல்லாம் பின்னர் எத்தனை நாள் கழித்து விடுதலை செய்யப்பட்டார்கள். தேவையான காலத்திற்கு மேல் தொடர்ந்து அவர்களைக் காவலில் வைத்ததற்குக் காரணம் என்ன ?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : எவ்வளவு நாள் வைக்கவேண்டுமோ அதுவரையில் வைக்கப்பட்டு இருப்பார்கள். எத்தனை நாள் பொறுத்து அவர்கள் விடுதலை செய்யப்பட்டார்கள் என்பதற்குத் தனியாகக் கேள்வி போடவேண்டும்.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Is it a fact that though the Government gave an assurance that they would not be unnecessarily arrested and that they would not be prevented from holding meetings, they arrested them?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am not aware of any such assurance.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. Minister tell us whether there is not any provision either in the Criminal Procedure Code or in any other law to arrest these people for such things as participation in the Anti-Hindi agitation which are minor in nature?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is a matter for argument before a Court of Law if there is any case.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Are the Government aware that such indiscriminate arrest of the Opposition Members is very, very derogatory to the democratic principle of Parliamentary Opposition?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not accept there were any indiscriminate arrests.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : In a democratic State where we are supposed to be ruling in a democratic manner, if some people feel that the introduction of Hindi is detrimental to their interests, in what way do the Government expect them to express their feelings?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Hon. Members may have their own conceptions of a democratic State.

Grant to meet the salaries of teachers

* 22 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of aided secondary schools in the State in which the total amount of Government grant for payment of salaries to staff falls short of the total amount of salaries paid to teachers as entered in their service registers;

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(b) whether any representation has been received by the Government from the managements of aided secondary schools in the State as regards the amount required over and above the Government grant to meet the salaries of teachers at rates entered in their registers;

(c) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon;

(d) whether any representation has been received by the Government from the Madras Teachers' Guild in the matter of cuts in salaries of teachers in aided secondary schools in the City of Madras; and

(e) if so, the action taken or proposed to be taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (a) 252.

(b) *to* (e) : Yes. The Government have sympathetically considered the hardship caused to the teachers and they have ordered that there should be no reduction in the salaries paid to the teachers under the new system of aid with effect from 1st April 1964.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that contrary to this benefit conferred by the Government, there are cuts now in the months of June by the absorption of increment due to teachers?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : If really the Government think that teachers should not be affected by the new pattern of aid, what is the difficulty in just inquiring how this difference between the approved pay and the Service Register pay has been treated as special pay that pay is being absorbed in all these 252 cases?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is not a question of "really". Government do not want the teachers who have been serving to be affected in the matter of scales on account of the decision of the Government. If there is still any difficulty or hardship felt by any teachers the hon. Member may put a separate question.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Will the Government initiate action to ensure that nobody has been adversely affected? May I submit that there are a few who have drawn above the maximum and that excess is not taken into account at all?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The hon. Member may furnish me the information which I shall look into.

Teachers in Aided Elementary schools

* 23 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(a) lay on the Table of the House a copy of the latest rules in force for filling up vacancies caused by leave or retirement of